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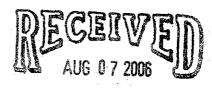
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Dear Mr. Ceto:

OBJECTION TO DISAPPROVAL OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) CHANGE REQUEST M-15-06-03 (M-15-44B)

The purpose of this letter is to provide written notification to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) objection to EPA's disapproval of Tri-Party Agreement Change Form M-15-06-03 "Revise due date for Interim Milestone M-015-44B, submit 200-MW-1 Operable Unit Feasibility Study (FS) and Proposed Plan." RL believes the change request was submitted with appropriate justification and in a timely manner according to the Tri-Party Agreement and is disappointed by the resulting disapproval.

However, in light of the ongoing technical discussions related to the Tri-Party Agreement M-015 milestone series, RL is willing to withdraw the submitted change request by means of this letter. RL is reserving all rights to resubmit the change request should ongoing negotiations fail to appropriately and timely address our technical problems with meeting the milestone due date.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971.

Sincerely,

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